

Our Dumb Animals.

"The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals," "The American Humane Education Society," and "The American Bands of Mercy."

"WE SPEAK FOR
THOSE THAT



CANNOT SPEAK
FOR THEMSELVES."

I would not enter on my list of friends,
Though graced with polished manners and fine sense,
Yet wanting sensibility, the man
Who needlessly sets foot upon a worm.—COWPER.

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GLEAMS OF SUNSHINE THROUGH THE CLOUDS OF WAR.

DEAR MR. ANGELL,—

During the month of March I had the pleasure of enrolling in our *American Humane*

Education Society's "Bands of Mercy" over one thousand pupils of all grades in the public schools of Marblehead, and over four thousand pupils of all grades in the public schools of the city of Gloucester. I also formed "Bands

of Mercy" in all the schools of Nantucket and the town of West Newbury.

There was never a time when the work received more cordial reception in the schools than now.

The School Board of the city of Beverly have by unanimous vote invited me to organize in their schools, where I am now working, and the School Board of the city of Lawrence by full vote have invited me to organize our "Bands of Mercy" in the schools of that city.

A. J. LEACH,
Massachusetts Band of Mercy Organizer.

Our western organizer, Mr. Chas. S. Hubbard, has been at work during the month in Ohio, having organized over three hundred "Bands of Mercy" in the city of Toledo.

OUR LOST OPPORTUNITY.

[From the New York Evening Post.]

Spain has ordered her ambassadors in various parts of the world to present to the governments to which they are accredited a memorandum setting forth the long list of concessions made by Spain to the United States. It recites the demand after demand made by our Government to which Spain had acceded. The whole constitutes one of the most brilliant diplomatic victories ever won. President McKinley might have sent an account of it to Congress with paeans of exultation over his immense accomplishment. But, as the *Paris Temps* said, just when his diplomatic success was greatest and most evident, he felt compelled to place himself at the disposal of Congress, with the result, as Mr. Goldwin Smith says, that "the American nation is being hurried into war before the resources of diplomacy are exhausted." It is, indeed, a striking instance of a lost opportunity of diplomacy—which [we add] would have prevented war, making it entirely unnecessary.

A POINT OF HONOR.

One of the ablest speeches delivered in the Senate in the late discussion was that of Senator Wolcott of Colorado. Here is an impressive passage in it.

"Mr. President, this war is one which can bring us no material gain. It will bring us the loss of millions of dollars in our commerce. It will sweep our ships from the seas. It will create unrest in business. It will destroy industries. It will be followed by that lessening in morality which always accompanies the conclusion of a war. We will leave thousands of our young men dead of fever or by the bullet in the tropics in the island of Cuba, and we shall be fortunate if we are not compelled to face serious complications with other European countries."—*Boston Herald*, April 20th.

TO AID THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

As our readers all know during the last days of March the question of war or peace hung trembling in the balance. To aid the President we hurried up our April paper, which would not have been published otherwise until April 5th, so that we were able to send marked copies of it to all members of Congress on March 28th, and immediately after the whole issue of nearly sixty thousand marked copies to the very influential people we reach, including all the clergymen of Massachusetts and every newspaper and magazine in North America north of Mexico.

THE COST OF ONE WARSHIP.

If our American Humane Education Society had the cost of one warship to form our

"Bands of Mercy" in the public schools of America, we might save the coming generation from a war which may cost hundreds of thousands of human lives and thousands of millions of dollars.

GEO. T. ANGELL.

WE HAVE BEEN SEVERELY ATTACKED.

We have been severely attacked by some of the over 20,000 newspapers to whom our little paper goes every month, on account of our efforts to have our difficulties with Spain satisfactorily settled [as President McKinley thought possible] by peaceful negotiations and arbitration without war.

We have great sympathy with the starving Cubans, and we wonder how many of these editors have given one-tenth of what we [from our moderate pecuniary means] have given to relieve this starvation.

President McKinley [as we understand] subscribed personally \$5000, and we wonder how many of the Congressmen who have been fighting him have given one fiftieth or one five hundredth part of that sum.

We do not believe it necessary to raise great armies and navies and kill perhaps 100,000 men, and engage in a war which may last five years, and the end of which no man can see.

GEO. T. ANGELL.

WAR AND THE BLOWING UP OF THE MAINE.

A good friend writes us advocating war on account of the blowing up of the Maine, and thinks us too earnest in seeking peace.

The human mind is so constituted that it is impossible for all to think alike.

If we could have our way, Catholics and Protestants, Trinitarians and Unitarians, Democrats and Republicans should all agree—there would be no need of navies, armies, fortifications, prisons or jails—the work of our American Humane Education Society and its "Bands of Mercy" would be ended—and this world would be so happy that few of us would care to enter another.

But as things are we can only try to make it better.

We believe with James Russell Lowell that "war" [generally] "is murder," and with General Sherman that "war" always "is hell."

If our President thought he could secure by peaceful negotiations [if only given time] a satisfactory conclusion, he should have had all the time he wanted.

GEO. T. ANGELL.

RETRIBUTION.

"But if we must have blood for our blood, is it not much better to kill those who are responsible for a crime than to slaughter those who are not even indirectly responsible? What satisfaction would it be to the people of the United States to know that, because Gen. Weyler blew up the Maine, some thousands of young Andalusian shepherds and farmers had been shot to death? It is altogether improbable that Gen. Weyler would suffer any personal damage, and, assuming his guilt, it would doubtless be a matter of supreme indifference to him whether one thousand or ten thousand of his peasant countrymen were slaughtered by our troops.

Boston Herald, April 16th.

WAR WITH SPAIN.

The following resolution was unanimously passed by "The American Humane Education Society" at its annual meeting, March 29th, 1898, and at once telegraphed to President McKinley and published in *Boston daily papers* of March 30th:

"Resolved, that the thanks, gratitude and kindest wishes of "The American Humane Education Society," representing over thirty thousand "Bands of Mercy" in the United States and elsewhere, be hereby rendered to the President of the United States for his efforts to save our country from the curse of war."

GEO. T. ANGELL,

President of The American Humane Education Society, representing over thirty thousand Bands of Mercy in the United States and elsewhere.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPLY.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,

WASHINGTON, March 31, 1898.

MY DEAR SIR,—

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 29th instant, which the President has carefully noted.

Assuring you, and through you the members of your Society, of the President's sincere appreciation of their resolution of confidence and good-will, I am,

Very truly yours,

JOHN ADDISON PORTER,

Secretary to the President.

Mr. GEO. T. ANGELL,

President, etc., Boston, Mass.

The following additional telegram was sent to the President and a copy to every member of Congress on April 2nd:

To the President of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

If I were the President of the United States (which I am certainly most thankful that I am not) I would not hesitate to say to Congress, if it becomes necessary, and to the whole civilized world, that in the present condition of negotiations with the Spanish Government we have, in my judgment, no more right to force Spain into a war, and kill perhaps fifty thousand of the young men compelled to serve in her armies and navy, than a pirate has to commit murder on the ocean or a highwayman to commit murder on the land.

GEO. T. ANGELL.

REV. DR. J. G. BUTLER OF WASHINGTON, D. C., AND GENERAL BOOTH OF THE SALVATION ARMY.

We are glad to note in *The Lutheran Evangelist* of April 8th the following by its editor, the Rev. Dr. Butler, for some years chaplain of the United States Senate:

"Our Dumb Animals, Boston, Mr. Geo. T. Angell editor, always on the side of right and peace and Christ, makes an earnest appeal for the prayers of all who pray, that war between the United States and Spain may be averted. We all say 'Amen' to the prayer, and know that God answers prayer."

We also notice in the organ of "The Salvation Army" that General Booth asks all officers and soldiers of the Salvation Army to pray that God may, in his infinite mercy, cause the awful sufferings of the Cubans to cease without recourse to the terrible arbitrament of war.

In contrast with the above comes to our table a prayer that the Lord will destroy the Spanish flotilla, with all the poor fellows who have been drafted and compelled to serve on it and who had no more to do with the starving of the Cubans or the blowing up of the Maine than we had.



Founders of American Band of Mercy.

GEO. T. ANGELL and REV. THOMAS TIMMINS.

Officers of Parent American Band of Mercy.

GEO. T. ANGELL, President; JOSEPH L. STEVENS, Secretary.

Over thirty-three thousand branches of the Parent American Band of Mercy have been formed, with probably over a million members.

PLEDGE.

"I will try to be kind to all harmless living creatures, and try to protect them from cruel usage."

Any Band of Mercy member who wishes can cross out the word *harmless* from his or her pledge. M. S. P. C. A. on our badges means "*Merciful Society Prevention of Cruelty to All.*"

We send *without cost*, to every person asking, a copy of "*Band of Mercy Information*" and other publications.

Also *without cost*, to every person who writes that he or she has formed a "*Band of Mercy*" by obtaining the signatures of thirty adults or children or both—either signed or authorized to be signed—to the pledge, also the name chosen for the "*band*" and the name and post-office address [town and State] of the president:

1. Our monthly paper, "*OUR DUMB ANIMALS*," full of interesting stories and pictures, for one year.
2. *Mr. Angell's Address to the High, Latin, Normal and Grammar Schools of Boston.*
3. *Copy of Band of Mercy Songs.*
4. *Twelve Lessons on Kindness to Animals*, containing many anecdotes.
5. *Eight Humane Leaflets*, containing pictures and one hundred selected stories and poems.
6. *For the President*, an imitation gold badge.

The head officers of *Juvenile Temperance Associations*, and teachers and Sunday school teachers, should be presidents of Bands of Mercy.

Nothing is required to be a member but to sign the pledge, or authorize it to be signed.

Any intelligent boy or girl fourteen years old can form a Band with no cost, and receive what we offer, as before stated.

The prices for badges, gold or silver imitation, are eight cents large, five cents small; ribbon, gold stamped, eight cents, ink printed, four cents; song and hymn books, with fifty-two songs and hymns, two cents; cards of membership, two cents; and membership book, eight cents. The "*Twelve Lessons on Kindness to Animals*" cost only two cents for the whole, bound together in one pamphlet. The *Humane Leaflets* cost twenty-five cents a hundred, or eight for five cents.

Everybody, old or young, who wants to do a kind act, to make the world happier and better, is invited to address, by letter or postal, GEO. T. ANGELL, Esq., President, 19 Milk Street, Boston, Mass., and receive full information.

Good Order of Exercises for Band of Mercy Meetings:

- 1—Sing Band of Mercy song or hymn, and repeat the Pledge together. [See Melodies.]
- 2—Remarks by President, and reading of Report of last meeting by Secretary.
- 3—Readings, "*Angell Prize Contest Recitations*," "*Memory Gems*," and anecdotes of good and noble sayings and deeds done to both human and dumb creatures, with vocal and instrumental music.
- 4—Sing Band of Mercy song or hymn.
- 5—A brief address. Members may then tell what they have done to make human and dumb creatures happier and better.
- 6—Enrollment of new members.
- 7—Sing Band of Mercy song or hymn.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

"There was something touching in his childlike and simple reliance upon Divine aid, especially when in such extremities as he sometimes fell into. Though prayer and reading of the Scriptures were his constant habit, he more earnestly than ever, at such times, sought that strength which is promised when mortal help falleth. Once he said: 'I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom and that of all about me seemed insufficient for that day.'"—*Blaisdell's Stories of the Civil War.*

LAST MONTH.

Last month, in behalf of our *American Humane Education Society*, we earnestly asked every clergyman in America to pray, in his home and in his pulpit, the Almighty to save our nation from the curse of war, and that union prayer meetings be held so far as possible in all our cities and towns for the same purpose.

THE SANDY HOOK MORTAR BATTERY TO PROTECT NEW YORK HARBOR.

We find in *Leslie's Weekly* that there are sixty mortars at Sandy Hook, that each discharge of them costs about \$50,000—that an hour's active work would cost about \$1,000,000 or a day's work ten millions of dollars.

What a world of good might be done with the millions we are now spending on preparations for war.

How we could build levees along our rivers and great reservoirs to hold and gradually let out the surplus waters.

What ship canals we could build to connect Chicago with New York one way, and New Orleans another, and from the Gulf of Mexico to the St. Johns River.

What beautiful roads we could build all over our country.

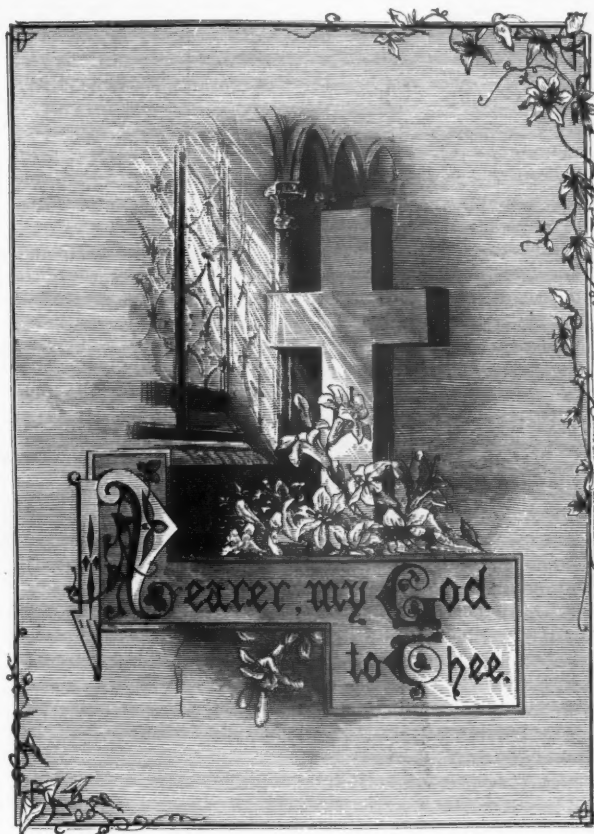
How much we could do for the poor, the sick and the unfortunate.

How much we could do to make the next generation better and happier by carrying humane education into all the schools of America.

What an influence we could bring to bear to improve the condition of all nations, and how we could advance the progress of civilization and humanity with the money now being spent on these terrible preparations for war.

GEO. T. ANGELL.

No Christian man or woman wants our nation involved in war.



AT THE CRUCIFIXION.

"Then said Jesus, 'Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.'"

Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide,
In the strife of Truth with Falsehood, for the good or evil side;
Some great cause, God's new Messiah, offering each the bloom or blight,
Parts the goats upon the left hand, and the sheep upon the right;—
And the choice goes by forever, 'twixt that darkness and that light.

JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL.

A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE NATION.

If I could have my wish, no war should ever be declared except by a majority vote of the whole nation, and on that question every wife and mother should have the right to vote.

And if I could have another wish—from the beginning to the end of the war on which we have now entered—every Christian wife and mother in America would wear mourning.

GEO. T. ANGELL.

One thing we must never forget, namely: that the infinitely most important work for us is the humane education of the millions who are soon to come on the stage of action.

OUR DUMB ANIMALS.

Boston, May, 1898.

ARTICLES for this paper may be sent to
GEO. T. ANGELL, President, 19 Milk St.

BACK NUMBERS FOR DISTRIBUTION.

Persons wishing *Our Dumb Animals* for gratuitous distribution can send us five cents to pay postage, and receive ten copies, or ten cents and receive twenty copies. We cannot afford larger numbers at this price.

TEACHERS AND CANVASSERS.

Teachers can have *Our Dumb Animals* one year for twenty-five cents.

Persons wishing to canvass for the paper will please make application to this office.

Our *American Humane Education Society* sends this paper this month to the editors of over *twenty thousand* newspapers and magazines.

OUR AMBULANCE

Can be had at any hour of the day or night by calling Telephone 992 Tremont.
Horse owners are expected to pay reasonable charges.

In emergency cases of severe injury, where owners are unable to pay, the ambulance will be sent at the expense of the Society.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND REMITTANCES.

We would respectfully ask all persons who send us subscriptions or remittances to examine our report of receipts, which is published in each number of our paper, and if they do not find the sums they have sent properly credited, kindly notify us.

If correspondents fail to get satisfactory answers please write again, and on the envelope put the word "Personal."

My correspondence is now so large that I can read only a small part of the letters received, and seldom long ones.
GEO. T. ANGELL.

We are glad to report this month *ten hundred and four new branches* of our *Parent Band of Mercy*, making a total of *thirty-three thousand and seventy-eight*.

HUMANE EDUCATION AND THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS.

At the April meeting of the Directors of "The American Humane Education Society" and "Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals," held on the 20th, President Angell reported that the city agents had during the month dealt with 1,374 complaints of cruelty, taken 61 horses from work, and mercifully killed 94 horses and other animals.

Country agents had since last report dealt with 708 complaints of cruelty, taken 213 horses from work, and mercifully killed 142 horses and other animals.

Over one hundred "Bands of Mercy" have been formed in the public schools of Gloucester, Mass., and over three hundred in the public schools of Toledo, Ohio.

The whole number of new "Bands of Mercy" formed during the month to date was 881, making a total of 32,965.

SOME OF NEW YORK'S "FOUR HUNDRED."

We have the *first edition of ten thousand copies* of our new prize story, "*Some of New York's Four Hundred*," which we will sell for ten cents, either in money or postage stamps, and which is much below their cost to our "*American Humane Education Society*." We want to give this most valuable and interesting book a very wide circulation, and shall be glad if all who read it and think it ought to be widely circulated will send us such amounts as they feel able to give to aid us in giving it a wide gratuitous distribution to the press and otherwise all over our country. *If we had the means we should be glad to send a copy to every editorial office in North America north of Mexico.*

Send to Hon. Henry B. Hill, Treasurer, or to me. Gifts will be acknowledged in *Our Dumb Animals*.

GEO. T. ANGELL,
19 Milk St., Boston.

HUMANE EDUCATION AND PROTECTION OF DUMB ANIMALS.

The annual meetings of the "American Humane Education Society" and "Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals" were held on March 29th. The President reported that the prosecuting officers of the "Massachusetts Society" had dealt with nine thousand four hundred and forty-nine complaints of cruelty during the year, taken one thousand four hundred and twenty-seven horses from work, and mercifully killed one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight horses and other animals. The two Societies have employed several missionaries during the year, and organized four thousand five hundred and thirty-six new "Bands of Mercy," making a total of thirty-one thousand nine hundred and eighty-one; and have printed and sent out during the year nearly two million copies of their various humane publications.

Their receipts have met the expenses.

"The American Humane Education Society" has recently received \$10,000 from the estate of Mrs. Ellen B. French of Beloit, Wisconsin.

The following resolution was unanimously passed by "The American Humane Education Society," and telegraphed to President McKinley:

Resolved, That the thanks, gratitude and kindest wishes of "The American Humane Education Society," representing over thirty thousand "Bands of Mercy" in the United States and elsewhere, be hereby rendered to the President of the United States for his efforts to save our country from the curse of war.

A SPANISH EDITION OF "OUR DUMB ANIMALS"—\$500.

Our readers will remember seeing in our April paper a leading editorial of the *Daily Herald* of the City of Mexico, in which the editor expresses an earnest wish that a Spanish edition of *Our Dumb Animals* might be circulated in Mexico. On this March 31st a Boston gentleman calls upon us and kindly offers to give \$500 towards issuing a Spanish edition of *Our Dumb Animals*, to be circulated in Mexico and the Spanish-speaking countries of Central and South America, provided that others will subscribe a sufficient sum to enable our "American Humane Education Society" to undertake the work. As soon as it appears that a sufficient sum has been promised to make it practicable to undertake this work we shall be glad to publish the names of all who are willing to aid it.

GEORGE T. ANGELL.

A PLEASANT LETTER.

We are glad to receive on April 11th a check of \$100 to "The American Humane Education Society" enclosed in a letter in which the writer kindly says her efforts have been greatly aided by our help and guidance.

BOUND VOLUMES OF "BLACK BEAUTY."

We are glad to acknowledge on this April 2d a large additional order of bound volumes of "Black Beauty" for the City of Boston Public Schools, and a similar order from Middleboro, Mass.

KEITH'S THEATRE.

Our readers will remember the beautiful picture in our March number of a dog taking his master's mail from a passing railway train and carrying it to his master's house some half mile distant. We are pleased to be informed by Mr. Keith that he has had a greatly enlarged stereopticon reproduction of this picture prepared, which he has labeled "Mr. Angell's method of carrying the mail," and which is being run in his Boston, New York, and Philadelphia theatres.

We are glad to number Mr. Keith among the liberal contributors to our "American Humane Education Society," also Mr. Denman Thompson of "The Old Homestead."

"OUR DUMB ANIMALS."

Among the larger subscriptions for *Our Dumb Animals* during the month have been subscriptions for over 400 copies from Worcester, Mass., New Haven, Conn., Portland, Me., and Detroit, Mich.

OUR SPANISH "BLACK BEAUTY."

We have recently sent a large number of our Spanish edition of "Black Beauty" to various South American countries—to three cities in Colombia, four cities in Venezuela, twelve cities in Chili, one city in Guatemala, three cities in the Argentine Republic, one city in Peru, one city in Uruguay, one city in Paraguay, three cities in Brazil. We have also sent them to thirty cities in Mexico, ten cities in New Mexico, five cities in Arizona, one city in Liberia, Africa, and one city in Cuba. To some of these countries we have sent large numbers, for instance: to one of several addresses in the city of Mexico one thousand copies, the Argentine Republic one thousand copies, to Guatemala one thousand copies, to Venezuela a large number, and in Venezuela the book has been adopted in all the public schools as a reading book. We have been able to send the above by generous donations given our American Humane Education Society for the purpose.

FIVE.

Only a stray sunbeam? Yet it cheered a wretched abode—gladdened a stricken heart.

Only a gentle breeze? It fanned aching brows, cheered many hearts by its gentle touch.

Only a frown? But it left a sad void in the child's heart—quivering lips and tearful eyes.

Only a smile? But how it cheered the broken heart, engendered hope, and cast a halo of light around that sick bed.

Only a word of encouragement, a single word? It gave the drooping spirit new life and led to victory.

Always remember a kind word can make not only human, but all dumb creatures, happy.—[EDITOR.]

"Glory to God in the highest,
on earth peace, good will toward
men."

THE CHOIR OF THE DAYBREAK.

I sat by my window at daybreak
As the wildbirds caroled the hour,
And watched the shades of the night time
Droop 'neath the morning's power,
And as the banners of sunrise
Flung their colors above the trees,
The burst of light charmed the bird-notes
Into sweeter melodies.

The wren, the linnet and robin,
The oreole, cat-bird and jay,
And all the choir of the treetops,
Spiritedly sang and gay,
And with notes unknown to mortals,
With harmonies as grandly fair
As the soul's unuttered music,
They piped on the morning air.

The daybreak's freshness and grandeur,
And the songs of the happy birds,
Commingled a tender beauty
That can not be told in words,
And a gladness settled o'er me
That lifted me out of the cares,
That yesterday bore upon me
In the burden of affairs.

And my heart communed with angels
On the sacred memories massed
In the stalls of recollection
Scattered all along the past,
And the future's brilliant finger
In a beckoning gesture shined,
A strange, glad impulse awakening,
That can not be defined.

O the glory of the morning,
And the wildbirds' heaven-made song!
O the good that is created
To take the place of wrong!
But the fondest hours of lifetime,
And the gladdest moments e'en,
Do they teach us always, sweetheart,
The love of the Great Unseen!

HOMER P. BRANCH.

IF THE WAR SPIRIT.

If the war spirit [which we have been trying in the past few years by the formation of "Bands of Mercy" in our schools to diminish] has become so strong in our nation that we must fight *somebody* about *something*, it is doubtless safer to fight Spain than either of the larger European powers.

Certainly *very much* safer than to fight Great Britain, as was proposed two or three years ago, about the boundary line of some wild land away down in South America, when one of our generals proposed to blow up the Welland Canal connecting the St. Lawrence River with the great lakes, and establish a line of fortifications about two thousand miles long from Ogdensburg to Duluth, and another was ready on twelve hours' notice to march his New York militia to kill our brother Christians who were so unfortunate as to live on the other side of the Canadian line.

It does seem to us sometimes as though we, as a nation, are floating down Niagara river towards the falls.

But our hope is that our American people may awaken before it is too late, and by carrying a widespread humane education into all our colleges and schools, escape what now seems to us a great danger.

GEO. T. ANGELL.

CONNECTICUT.

We are glad to receive a very interesting Seventeenth Annual Report of the Connecticut Humane Society, showing lots of good work done by that Society, in which we have always personally had a deep interest.

CHRISTIAN

SPORTSMEN.

We have on our table this morning a Cambridge (Mass.) paper, which gives an account of a Cambridge clergyman's hunting experiences in the State of Maine, killing deer and other animals—and of a lecture which he has recently given, which the paper states must have aroused a strong desire in the minds of many of his hearers to do the same, and expressing wonder that more clergymen do not engage in the same sport.

Clergymen who go out into the country to kill God's harmless creatures *simply for the fun of wounding and killing them*, bear very little resemblance to Christ.



THE BATTLE FIELD.

From "The Boston Sunday Journal," one of the many half-tone photographs printed in that paper.

"WAR."

"And, then, think of the deaths and the heartaches. If these men who are crying loudly for war could see and hear a battlefield, and could think of *their own sons* as there, it might hush their barbaric enthusiasm a little. Think of the hundreds and thousands of men, their bodies torn, mangled in every conceivable way, trodden over by the infantry, ridden over by the cavalry, wounded, neglected, crying for a cup of water, thrilling through every nerve with pain, dreaming in their agony of the loved ones at home. Then go to the rear and see the surgeons at work—see the piles, perhaps, of arms or legs tossed out like wood chopped and piled up in a yard. Then go to the hospitals and listen to the moans of the sick and dying; see the pale cheeks and the lack-lustre eyes; what wounds, gangrene, and decay—and remember this is war! No matter how righteous the war may be, it is somebody's fathers, it is somebody's brothers, it is somebody's sons that are going through all this." * * *

"If we can make it clear to the world that Spain is responsible for the destruction of our battleship, there is no question of our being able to be indemnified. But is it the best way, because two hundred and sixty men have already been killed, to kill ten or fifty or a hundred thousand more—not only Americans, but Spaniards as well? And did it never occur to you in all these matters that it is

never the right person that gets killed when you go to war? These men that we should send out in our armies, they are not responsible. Why should we kill them? The poor Spaniards that would meet us in defence, they are not the ones that blew up the 'Maine.' Why should we kill them?"—REV. MINOT J. SAVAGE, in The Church of the Messiah, New York.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND OUR "BANDS OF MERCY."

We are receiving letters from Superintendents of Public Schools in various parts of the country telling of the good influence in the schools of our "Bands of Mercy." The following from Mr. Wilkin, Superintendent of Public Schools of Unionville, Indiana, is a fair sample.

"Our Dumb Animals comes every month; our pupils are eager to read it and also your leaflets, and they are already bearing fruit. This week a forlorn little kitten came onto one of our playgrounds.

A year ago it would have fared badly, but instead of being abused it was kindly cared for, and ran around among our about three hundred children in absolute safety. This thoughtfulness and kindness to animals makes the work of governing the school easier and helps us in many ways.

We are grateful to you and Mr. Hubbard, your 'Band of Mercy' organizer, for the good you have done us and the greater good you are doing the nation."



NEW BAND OF MERCY BADGES.

There having been a wide call for cheaper Band of Mercy badges, we have succeeded in adding to the kinds we have been using a new badge in the two sizes above represented. They are very handsome—a white star on a blue ground, with gilt letters, and we sell them at bare cost, five for ten cents, in money or postage stamps, or larger numbers at same price. We cannot attend to smaller orders than five.

FRANCES E. WILLARD.

Frances E. Willard wrote: "I look upon your mission as a sacred one, not second to any founded in the name of Christ."

"The American Humane Education Society" and
"The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals."

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1898.

If I should attempt to give a detailed account of the work of our "American Humane Education Society" and "Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals" during the past year, it would make a report so long that very few persons would read it; but the principal features of it have been:

(1) The formation of four thousand five hundred and thirty-six new "Bands of Mercy" in the United States, British America, and various parts of Europe, Asia, Africa, South America, and elsewhere, making a total of thirty-one thousand nine hundred and eighty-one "Bands of Mercy."

(2) The circulation of vast amounts of our humane literature. [In one month we sent between two and three tons of it to teachers all over our country.]

(3) The sending of "Our Dumb Animals" every month to all clergymen, lawyers, doctors, school superintendents, postmasters, editors, etc., etc., in Massachusetts; also sending it to the Massachusetts Legislature, subscribers, and many others—and outside the State to all members of Congress; also to all editorial offices in North America north of Mexico every month [over 20,000 in all], also to all Presidents of American Colleges and Universities, thousands of "Bands of Mercy," many writers and speakers, our Humane Societies throughout the entire world, and a considerable number of foreign newspapers and magazines.

(4) The sending of large amounts of our other humane literature in various languages, not only over this continent, but to various South American nations and elsewhere in Europe, Asia, Africa and various ocean islands.

(5) The publication of a new humane prize story entitled "Some of New York's 400,"

which seems likely to obtain a very wide circulation.

(6) The invention and adoption of a new "Band of Mercy" badge, [very beautiful and very cheap] which seems likely to reach a circulation of hundreds of thousands and perhaps millions.

(7) The presentation of our sterling silver medals to the successful competitors in our "Prize Contests" in humane speaking.

(8) The employment of two missionaries to push the formation of our "Bands of Mercy" in schools and elsewhere.

How our two Societies have caused the circulation of over two millions copies of "Black Beauty," and some millions of copies of our other humane stories and literature, printing in one year more than a hundred and seventeen millions of pages [probably more than was printed during the same length of time by all our Humane Societies throughout the entire world], are facts known to the careful readers of *Our Dumb Animals*; also that we have received during the year many thousands of kind notices of our work, including those of more than a hundred University and College Presidents.

The prosecuting officers of our Massachusetts Society P. C. A. have during the year dealt with nine thousand four hundred and forty-nine cases of cruelty, taken fourteen hundred and twenty-seven horses from work, and mercifully killed eighteen hundred and seventy-eight horses and other animals, and the Society has during the year printed and circulated through the State large numbers of placards and offers of many prizes for the protection of animals. In the matter of killing animals humanely, thousands of circulars giving full information have been sent by us during the year for distribution through the City Marshals of all cities, and the Chairmen of the Selectmen of all towns in the Commonwealth.

Since April, 1868, the Massachusetts Society has dealt with one hundred and twenty thousand three hundred and forty-two complaints of cruelty.

The grand object of our "American Humane Education Society" is not only the protection of dumb animals, but the humane education of the American people [and incidentally of all others] for the protection of property and life—the prevention of anarchy and crime, and every form of cruelty both to human beings and the lower animals.

We have lost by death during the year one of our most valued directors, the Hon. Judge Edmund H. Bennett, Dean of our Boston University Law School.

We have received during the year various gifts and legacies to the permanent and immediately available funds of our two Societies sufficient to meet our expenses and give us renewed courage to enter earnestly upon the new work of another year, which we should be glad to vastly increase if we had the means of doing it.

The extent of our correspondence and the growing width and importance of our work, and the great demands constantly made upon us to aid in its increased extension can hardly be properly estimated by any one outside of our offices. We most earnestly wish that we had a building to be its permanent home through the century upon which we shall soon enter.

With profound gratitude to all who have helped us with good words and generous deeds

and gifts, let us press on—work while the day lasts.

"Act—act in the living present!
Heart within, and God o'erhead!"

GEO. T. ANGELL.

THE REV. SAMUEL MAY, OF LEICESTER, MASS.

Perhaps no gentleman in Massachusetts is more widely respected by the best citizens of our State than the venerable Rev. Samuel May. It is therefore with extreme pleasure that we take the liberty of publishing the following letter:

LEICESTER, April 6, 1898.

DEAR MR. ANGELL,—

How important it is that your monthly paper should come to us with its mass of facts, its arguments, appeals and pictures. What a grand battery one of these little papers is? Multiply that one by the number of your issues and we feel as if the battalions of cruelty—whether to man or beast—must be forced into the disgrace and abhorrence which belong to them.

"Stay not your hand—
Still utter the Divine behest
Against the unrighteous deed."

S. M.

WHAT THINK YOU?

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him all creatures here below!
Thus sweetly sang a maiden fair,
Then closed her eyes and bowed in prayer.

One of God's creatures sings no more,
But decks the hat the maiden wore,
The tiny form of singing bird,
Whose praise will never more be heard.

Think you the maiden's song of praise
A grateful offering to raise
To Him who notes the sparrow's fall,
And heeds the ravens when they call?

MARCIA FIELD,
In Boston Evening Transcript.

"THE BIRDS OF KILLINGWORTH."

"Think of your woods and orchards without birds!
Of empty nests that cling to boughs and beams
As in an idiot's brain remembered words
Hang empty 'mid the cobwebs of his dreams!
Will bleat of flocks or bellowing of herds
Make up for the lost music, when your teams
Drag home the stingy harvest, and no more
The feathered gleaners follow to your door?"

"What! would you rather see the incessant stir
Of insects in the windrows of the hay,
And hear the locust and the grasshopper
Their melancholy hurdy-gurdies play?
Is this more pleasant to you than the whir
Of meadow-lark, and her sweet roundelay,
Or twitter of little field-fares, as you take
Your nooning in the shade of bush and brake?"

"You call them thieves and pillagers;—but know
They are the winged wardens of your farms,
Who from the cornfields drive the insidious foe,
And from your harvests keep a hundred harms;
Even the blackest of them all, the crow,
Renders good service as your man-at-arms,
Crushing the beetle in his coat of mail,
And crying havoc on the slug and snail."

A "BAND OF MERCY" BOY WHO
MEANS BUSINESS.

A fine looking "Band of Mercy" boy brings to our office on this April 2nd a broken whip-stock which he snatched out of the hand of a driver who was beating a horse. The whip-stock had been broken by the driver before the boy snatched it out of his hand. The driver was a good deal larger and stronger than the boy, but was no match for the boy on running.

BACK TO THE OLD HOME.

Farmer Foy lived just over the line in McKean county, Pennsylvania, and he sold several head of cattle one spring to a cattle buyer of Crawford county. Among the lot was a 3-year-old heifer, born and raised on the Foy farm. Great difficulty was encountered in getting this young animal away from her native place, but the drover at last succeeded in driving her along with the rest to the railroad station, whence they were all shipped to Meadville, by Salamanca, a round-about course of 150 miles.

Four weeks later Farmer Foy was awakened late one night by the crying of a cow. The crying was so unusual and so loud and persistent that by-and-by the farmer got up and dressed and went out to see what it all meant. He could scarcely believe his eyes when he discovered that the animal that had been making all the fuss was the 3-year-old heifer that he had sold to the cattle buyer a month before. She was standing at the bars of the barn-yard and calling lustily to be let in. She was promptly let in and she lay down in her old place as if she had never left it.

"Next day it was discovered that the creature was thin and footsore and plainly worn by long travel. Foy, being a native of Crawford county, was a subscriber to one of the Meadville papers, and in the week's issue that came the day after the return of the heifer he saw her advertised as an estray, she having broken out of her inclosure one night of the previous week. A reward was offered for her return. That the heifer had found her way back to her old home over a distance of at least 100 miles, in travelling which it was necessary for her to cross the Alleghany river at least three times, as well as other large streams, there could be no doubt, and that in her anxiety to get back she had not spared time to do much eating by the way was shown by her emaciated condition. How she, a strange cow, travelling through a strange land, managed to escape detention by some one as an estray, and by what marvelous instinct she found her way back to her native pastures, are things no one will ever know. It is hardly necessary to say that Farmer Foy promptly returned to her purchaser the price he had received for her and that the animal remained all the rest of her days on the farm to return to which she had made so remarkable a journey."

HEROISM.

In presence of all the French troops guarding the capital of Tonquin the Governor General recently bestowed the Cross of the Legion of Honor on Mother Mary Teresa, Superioress of the Sisters of Charity in that empire. The troops were drawn up in the little plaza of the city in a square surrounding a platform on which were the Governor General and his staff.

The General, in a solemn and impressive tone, addressed her as follows:

"Mother Mary Teresa, when you were twenty years of age you received a wound from a cannon

ball while assisting one of the wounded on the field of Balaklava. In 1859 the shell from a mitrailleuse laid you prostrate in the front rank on the battlefield of Magenta. Since then you have been in Syria, in China, and in Mexico, and if you were not wounded it was not because you have not exposed yourself.

"In 1870 you were taken up in Relschoffen covered with many sabre wounds. Such deeds of heroism you have crowned a few weeks ago with one of the most heroic actions which history records. A grenade fell upon the ambulance which was under your charge—you took up the grenade in your arms, you smiled upon the wounded who looked at you with feelings of dismay, you carried it a distance of eighty metres. On laying it down you noticed that it was going to burst; you threw yourself on the ground; it burst; you were seen covered with blood, but when persons came to your assistance you rose up smiling, as is your wont. You were scarcely recovered from your wound when you return to the hospital whence I have now summoned you."

Then the General made her kneel down, and, drawing his sword, touched her lightly with it three times on the shoulder and pinned the Cross of the Legion of Honor on her habit, saying with a quivering voice:

"I put upon you the cross of the brave, in the name of the French people and army; no one has gained it by more deeds of heroism, nor by a life so completely spent in self-abnegation for the benefit of your brothers and the service of your country. Soldiers! present arms!"

The troops saluted, the drums and bugles rang out, the air was filled with loud acclamations, and all was jubilation and excitement as Mother Mary Teresa rose, her face suffused with blushes, and asked:

"General, are you done?"

"Yes," said he.

"Then I will go back to the hospital!"

Catholic Youth.

FROM FAIRY STORY.

[In Saturday Evening Gazette.]

"Let us reverse things for an hour," said the Fairy, "and see what will happen when mortals

see each other as they are, and know each other as the fairies know them."

Accordingly he drew a circle about him, and sat him down once more to view the sport. The first to enter the charmed ring was a slip of a girl in a cotton gown, and clasping to her breast a picture of anemones and violets which she had toiled to paint and was trying to sell that she might buy fruit for a dying mother. As she stepped within the enchanted circle, lo! her cotton gown changed to lustrous satin, pure as a lily's leaf, and on her soft, brown hair fell the shadow of a golden crown. The pictured flowers became genuine blossoms, and seemed to have their roots within her heart. Amazed, the people who saw the transformation rushed to give her greeting as a strange and royal princess whom they delighted to know, but she was borne swiftly away out of their sight in a cloud of snowy whiteness.

The next who came within the magic ring was a portly woman with a double chin, the two big red ears weighted down with diamonds. Accompanying her were her maiden daughters robed in silk of Parisian make and texture, and with ruby-throated humming-birds upon their bonnets. No sooner had the trio stepped within the elfin circle than the haughty dame took on the outward semblance of a scrub woman clothed in filthy rags, her diamonds changed to tear-drops wrung from the hearts she had unjustly dealt with, and her shoes gaped full of holes. Her pretty daughters were changed to kitchen wenches clothed in grease and ashes, and on their heads, where erst the murdered bird had drooped its bright wings, were a ghastly toad and a strangled mouse! The commotion caused by this terrible transformation scene, as the crowd shrank back with groans and cries, was too great to admit of further tarrying on the part of the Elf. So he spread his wings and flew away.



MT. VERNON, THE HOME OF WASHINGTON.

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NO HUMANE SOCIETY HAS THE RIGHT TO SEIZE AND DESTROY DOGS.

Our readers will remember that some time since it was decided by the highest court of New York that dogs, like horses, are animals of value and therefore property, and that *no Humane Society has any right to seize or destroy them.*

In the *Cincinnati Times* of March 8th we find a similar decision of the courts of Ohio, which, the paper says, *cuts off the revenues of the Humane Society which has been seizing and destroying them.*

THE RESCUE OF RUBY BY THE NEWS-BOYS.

The dog man captured her but she was quickly rescued. The boys stormed the wagon like Cuban insurgents.

Ruby, the fat little pug dog mascotte of the *Home Messenger corps*, was the heroine of an exciting incident this morning. Ruby has long been the object of admiration of hundreds of citizens. She watches her opportunity for a ride and when a boy starts on a trip she capers about and begs to be taken along. Perched on the shoulders of a messenger, no speed is too great for the rollicking pug to enjoy; in fact the faster goes the boy the more contented is the dog.

When not riding for her dogship's health she spends her time in front of the Home Savings Bank performing tricks for the amusement of the messengers and passersby.

The "dog man" decided that Ruby was altogether too popular and early this morning began a waiting game in the vicinity. About 9.30 the pug wandered out into Griswold street, and with a swoop was gathered up in a big net. Then Ruby, wagging her tail and wondering what the new trick was, disappeared in the "dog wagon."

"Hey dere, mister, youse let dat dog loose," yelled a newsboy.

In less than a minute 20 newsboy admirers of Ruby popped out from alleys and around corners and had surrounded the prison. Their demands for Ruby's release were not couched in the most elegant language, but a chorus was fired at the man who had bagged Ruby. Two of the boys notified the messengers and just as the "dog" wagon started away there was a lively rush of boys of all ages, colors and conditions.

The wheels were blocked by sturdy arms and a club dashed a hole in the rear door of the wagon. Then followed a breaking of boards and before the dog chaser could recover his breath, Ruby was sailing away down Michigan avenue on the back of a messenger boy and a second cur was yelping joyously among the crowd of boys, who scampered away cheering for Ruby, groaning for the "dog man," and protecting their prize.—*Detroit Daily Journal*, March 10th.

PREMATURE INTERMENTS.

We republish the following from the *Boston Evening Transcript* of March 22d:

The New York Medico-Legal Society spent an evening discussing the Reddington bill for the prevention of premature burial which has been offered to the New York Assembly. The bill requires attending physicians to make certain sure tests of death and forbids burial of bodies until seventy-two hours after death. It was the prevailing opinion of the society that premature burial is a possibility and if there were any doubts, their doubts were dispelled when Mrs. Ida T. Bell arose and said: "I am a living example of the possibility of being buried alive. I was prepared for burial and was about to be carried to a hearse when signs of life were discovered, and I was saved from the most awful fate that can be conceived."

A gentleman writes us of a case very similar which occurred in his own home. His wife was supposed to be dead, and yet could hear every word said in her presence, and finally recovered.

GEO. T. ANGELL.

STANLEY'S CAT.

It is a good story of Henry M. Stanley, after his return from Africa, when writing his "Dark Continent."

He used to spread his reference maps on the floor of his room, and on one day after searching for a map which he much needed, he spoke to his assistant, who found it near the fireside, with Stanley's cat on it asleep.

He started to turn the cat off, when Stanley said:

"Never mind—don't disturb the cat. I'll get along without the map until the cat wakes up."

The cat slumbered on, and not until she rose did the famous explorer reach for his map.

FASHION'S SERVANTS.

Whence those plumes of snowy white,
That amidst the diamond's light
Wave with every zephyr's breath
On thy head, fair lady?

Turn thy fashion-blinded eyes
Where the nesting osprey lies,
Heedless of her starving brood;
Slain for thee, fair lady!

TERESA.

CRUEL FATE OF THE EGRETS.

Florida is rapidly losing its flocks of herons. The white egret is being slaughtered into extinction for the sake of the beautiful white feathers on its back, which, when plucked and placed on a flinty-hearted woman's hat, become an aigret.

The scale on which the massacre of these beautiful birds is being carried on is almost incredible. An idea of it may be gained from the fact that one egret will furnish only one-sixth of an ounce of plumage feathers, and yet at a public sale in London less than a year ago more than 11,000 ounces of osprey plumes were offered for sale. This meant that more than 66,000 egrets had been put to death for the sake of their plumes, that some fair dame might be more gayly decorated.

The most lamentable feature of the slaughter of the beautiful and innocent birds is that the feathers grow at the time when the egrets are nesting and breeding. The best plumes are taken from the upward tuft at the back, which is developed at the breeding season, though feathers are, of course, taken also from the wing and the breast. They are common to both sexes, and it is impossible to distinguish between the male and the female. An egret is shot, the few coveted feathers are torn from its back, its body is left to rot on the ground and the young ones perish of starvation.—*Boston Globe*.

FROM LECTURE OF GOVERNOR TAYLOR OF TENNESSEE.

"I heard a great master play on a wondrous violin; his bow quivered like the wing of a bird; in every quiver there was melody, and every melody breathed a thought in language sweeter than was ever uttered by human tongue. I was conjured; I was mesmerized by his music. I fell asleep under its power, and was rapt in the realm of visions and dreams. The enchanted violin poured out its sweetest soul, and in its music I thought I heard the rustle of a thousand joyous wings, and a burst of song from a thousand joyous throats. Mocking birds and linnets thrilled the glad air with warblings; goldfinches, thrushes and bobolinks trilled their happiest tunes; and the oriole sang a lullaby to her hanging cradle that rocked in the wind. I heard the twitter of skimming swallows and the scattered covey's piping call; I heard the robin's gay whistle, the croaking of crows, the scolding of blue jays and the melancholy cooing of a dove. The swaying tree-tops seemed vocal with bird-song while he played, and the labyrinths of leafy shade echoed the chorus."

The above reminds us of *Ole Bull*, the most fascinating man we ever knew and whose funeral was attended by some fifty thousand of his Norwegian fellow-countrymen.

DOGS IN THE OLD MEETING-HOUSE.

The pews were eight feet square, roomy enough to keep house in, though not provided with fire-places—as is sometimes the case in old parish churches in England. There were seats on the four sides of the pews, with chairs in the centre for the grandfather and grandmother, or the elderly aunt. All the family went to meeting, including the dog. Knowledge of this last custom has always been pleasant to me. Why should not the faithful dog go to church?

I remember being one day at Trinity Church, Boston, and as the vast congregation moved slowly in I saw among them a beautiful Scotch collie. He walked gravely on, thrusting his nose inquiringly into each pew, evidently searching for his master or mistress. Nobody molested him, and I trust he found the one for whom he was seeking and heard the choir as they sung:

"O all ye beasts and cattle, bless ye the Lord; praise Him and magnify Him forever."

The Scotch shepherd takes his dog with him to Sunday service.

But one Sunday there was a disturbance. In the early town records is recorded a vote which decrees that hogs shall be suffered to run at large, "yoked and ringed according to law." On this particular Sunday one or two of these strayed into the precincts of the meeting-house and began to root around one of the door stones, accompanying their rooting with grunts of unctious satisfaction. The dogs heard them and could not be restrained. They leaped the high pews with their carved railings, and in a body rushed out and drove the intruders away, afterward returning and decorously retaking their places. How delightful, how refreshing must such an episode have been to the boys and girls! For weary times they had sitting out the long service—not only with the eye of the tithing man upon them, but those of three other grave and reverend seniors, chosen expressly to keep them in order, and to "have inspection over the young people on Sabbath days to prevent their profanation thereof."—From "All Around the Old Meeting-house."

HORSE INTELLIGENCE.

From Mapleton (Minn.) Enterprise.

EDITOR ENTERPRISE:

I believe the following instance of equine intelligence to be worthy of record. Old Bonnie with her *week old colt* is kept on the barn floor where they are both left loose. A stairway leading to the basement is guarded by a trap door, but last night I forgot to close this door, and during the night the colt tumbled down the stairs into the cattle barn. About midnight we were awakened by a horse whinnying around the house and then running back towards the barn. In a moment this was repeated, and wife says: "That sounds like Old Bonnie." Going out to investigate, I met the anxious mother on her way to the house again, and found that in order to get help she had managed to open the large barn door. After rescuing the colt I returned to bed with better appreciation of the brute creation.

H. B. GREELEY.

March 27, 1898.

"A thousand cases of cruelty can be prevented by kind words and humane education for every one prevented by prosecution."

GEO. T. ANGELL.

WHAT A DOCKED HORSE TELLS.

- (1) That the owner does not care one straw for the suffering of dumb animals.
- (2) That the owner does not care one straw for the good opinion of nine-tenths of his fellow-citizens who witness the effects of his cruelty.

A HOMESICK CAT.

A homesick cat has excited the pity of many wealthy New London people. The animal's old household recently moved to Boston, and this pet being left behind refused to eat, and soon was reduced to a skeleton. The most tempting dishes were pushed under the feline nose with no effect. As a last resort some kindly interested people took the cat to Boston on a visit to its old family, where, with demonstrative joy, it eats voraciously, and is rapidly getting fat again.

In moving out of town don't forget your cat.

Don't kill your dog trying to make him run with your bicycle. Dogs were intended for no such purpose.

HOW TO HELP HORSES ENDURE THE HEAT.

The following appeared in substance in the various Boston dailies:

George T. Angell sends out the following suggestions for the comfort of the horses: "On a very hot day keep a sponge, a towel or your handkerchief soaked with pure cold water on the top of your horse's head. If your horse's back is sore, use pure cold water on it freely every time the saddle is removed. In hot weather tell the driver of your herd, cab or carriage to drive slowly, especially up hills, and give him five or ten cents extra for doing it. In hot weather be sure your check-rein is loose and your horse frequently watered. In hot weather a mouthful of grass, or a piece of bread, or a cracker even, will help your horse wonderfully."

THE SPORTSMEN'S SHOW IN BOSTON.

As is widely known over our country we have had in Boston a great exhibition of almost everything relating to hunting. It has been seen by perhaps more than a hundred thousand people from different parts of the country. We did not attend it because we believe that sportsmen [so called] who shoot harmless animals simply for the fun of wounding and killing them are engaged in about the meanest business that can be imagined. But in the *Evening Transcript* of March 18th we find an article on the danger of such sport. Some of the rifles now used will carry a ball three miles and kill. The bullets thrown from some of them on striking an animal the size of an elk or deer will inflict a ghastly wound into which the hand and arm of the sportsman can be passed. Some of these rifles carry a bullet which will bore a hole in an oak tree a foot in diameter at a distance of two miles.

The statisticians of the Austrian Government state that Bohemian sportsmen during the year 1896 shot and killed about fifty men and women and wounded 2,014 persons. They also killed over 15,000 dogs, 2 horses, 15 cows, 132 calves, 276 goats and 129 sheep. *How many they wounded and did not kill is not stated.*

The writer of this *Transcript* article says that a young sportsman of his acquaintance, after having fired some eighty shots at a mark set up in a bit of woods, discovered that he had killed seven out of a valuable herd of cattle feeding almost a mile distant.

From the above it appears that the fun of these sportsmen in shooting harmless creatures is liable to be dangerous to all others who live or have occasion to pass within some miles of their shooting. It would not be safe to come very near armies which are killing each other with these rifles.

GEO. T. ANGELL.

Every unkind treatment to the cow poisons the milk—even talking unkindly to her.

Our crowded columns forbid our publishing the hundreds of new "Bands of Mercy" formed during the past month. They will appear in our June edition.

We do most earnestly hope that the great war fever now sweeping over our country, with its enormous cost, may not so lessen donations to our "American Humane Education Society" and "Mass. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals" as to compel us to cut down our work, which was never more needed than now.

We sent nearly sixty thousand marked copies to Congress—Legislature—over twenty thousand newspapers and magazines, and to several thousands of clergymen, asking all clergymen in the United States to pray the Almighty to save our nation from the curse of war.

What "Chatterer" says in *The Boston Herald* of March 20th:

Why encourage the senseless wholesale destruction of animal life?

The abominable slaughter called "sport," indulged in by the German Emperor, according to a writer in the *Cosmopolitan*, is no more exhilarating than a visit to an abattoir, and all one can think of, seeing the Kaiser half concealed behind his shooting box with a mechanical gun to be touched off as the innocent game is driven by him, is the slaughter-houses at Brighton, or those pig-killing establishments which make Chicago famous. But this is modern "sport." The trembling deer, the "cultivated and preserved" boars, waiting for a bullet to strike some vital spot, or more likely to be only half assassinated by a bad shot. What a noble pastime, though not more so than the hunting season in our own Maine forests, or among the wilds of the Adirondacks.

The little boy who robs birds' nests knows no better unless he is told, but the man who creeps up to shoot an inoffensive deer, a squirrel, or any other denizen of the woods, is very much like a murderer, because he knows what he is doing.

WM. PENN.

Why was it that while the other American colonies were in constant fights, Wm. Penn lived in perfect peace with all the Indian tribes about him?



MISS AGNES BLACK. FRANCES E. WILLARD. LADY HENRY SOMERSET.
MISS ANNA A. GORDON. MRS. MARY E. SANDERSON.

Officers of "The World's Women's Christian Union."

The above picture of five good and noble women we use by kind permission of the New York monthly, "Success," Cooper Union, N. Y. City.

A LOST CHORD.

BY ADELAIDE ANNE PROCTOR.

Seated one day at the organ,
I was weary and ill at ease,
And my fingers wandered idly
Over the noisy keys.

I do not know what I was playing,
Or what I was dreaming then;
But I struck one chord of music,
Like the sound of a great Amen.

It flooded the crimson twilight,
Like the close of an Angel's Psalm,
And it lay on my fevered spirit
With a touch of infinite calm.

It quieted pain and sorrow,
Like love overcoming strife;
It seemed the harmonious echo
From our discordant life.

It linked all perplexed meanings
Into one perfect peace,
And trembled away into silence
As if it were loth to cease.

I have sought, but I seek it vainly,
That one lost chord divine,
Which came from the soul of the organ,
And entered into mine.

It may be that Death's bright angel
Will speak in that chord again,
It may be that only in Heaven
I shall hear that grand Amen.

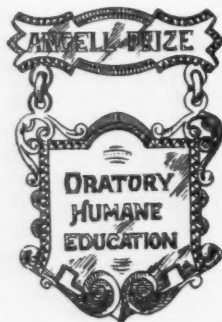
ANGELL PRIZE CONTESTS.

A splendid way to raise money in schools, churches, Sunday-schools, or elsewhere for any object preferred.

ANGELL PRIZE CONTESTS IN HUMANE SPEAKING.

We have beautiful sterling silver medals, of which this cut shows the size and face inscriptions.

On the back is inscribed "The American Humane Education Society."



We sell them at one dollar each, which is just what we pay for them by the hundred.

Each is in a box on red velvet, and we make no charge for postage when sent by mail.

The plan is this: Some large church or public hall is secured, several schools or Sunday-schools are invited to send their best speaker or reciter to compete for the prize medal; some prominent citizen presides; other prominent citizens act as the committee of award, and a small admission fee, ten or twenty cents, pays all the costs, and leaves a handsome balance for the local humane society or "Band of Mercy," or school or Sunday-school or church or library or any other object preferred.

It is a splendid and easy way to raise money.

We have a book of 192 pages describing the plan and containing beautiful selections to be used by the speakers and reciters in these contests, which our "American Humane Education Society" sends to those who are going to contest, on receipt of six cents in postage stamps to pay postage; and to all others for sixteen cents in postage stamps, which is precisely what they cost us with postage.

Every school taking part wants to attend, so do parents and friends; good music is added, and a full audience is insured, and a very enthusiastic one, for every school of course cheers its champion, and, for a week after, the merits of what was said and how it was said will be discussed, not only by children but by parents.

As before stated, these prize contests have been already recommended by the Master of the National Grange for all the Granges of our country—also by the National Superintendent of the Department of Mercy of the W. C. T. U., to be adopted by that organization all over the country, and they have attracted notice from the press as far off as London and Australia.

We have already many orders for both books and medals, and on our table are interesting accounts of their success in various cities and towns.

PRIZES \$675.

In behalf of The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals I do hereby offer (1) \$100 for evidence which shall enable the Society to convict any man in Massachusetts of cruelty in the practice of vivisection.

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VIVISECTION.

From address of Prof. Theophilus Parvin, M.D., LL.D., of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, before "The American Academy of Medicine," Washington, D. C.:—

"The subject of bacteriology has, I believe, undue importance in professional study and teaching. . . . May not a similar statement be made in regard to vivisection? My belief is that the value of this method of study in relation to surgery and therapeutics has been exaggerated. So far as the first department is concerned, reference will be made to abdominal and to brain surgery. If Mr. Tait's statement is accepted—and his authority and ability none can justly question—vivisection has been an injury, not a help, to the former. His declarations upon this point have been positive and frequent. One of the most recent is as follows: 'Instead of vivisection having in any way advanced abdominal surgery, it has, on the contrary, retarded it.'

"It should be remembered that great surgeons have made their work intelligent and facile by operations upon the human cadaver; the glory of many of our country's dead surgeons has never been eclipsed by any of those now living, no matter how much time they have given to vivisection.

"While it is my belief that the majority of vivisectioners pursue their work out of ardent love of science, or desire to benefit humanity (and I trust they carefully and conscientiously avoid inflicting needless pain), there are others who seem, seeking useless knowledge, to be blind to the writhing agony and deaf to the cry of pain of their victims, and who have been guilty of the most damnable cruelties, without the denunciation by the public and the profession that their wickedness deserves and demands. These criminals are not confined to Germany or France, to England or Italy, but may be found in our own country."

We have repeatedly asked for a single instance in which any important new medical discovery has been made in the past 25 years in Massachusetts, New England or the United States by vivisection, with the name and residence of the discoverer, and though this paper goes every month to several thousand physicians, have received no reply.

Work for some good, be it ever so slowly.
Cherish some flower, be it ever so lowly.
Labor! All labor is noble and holy.
Let thy great deeds be thy prayers to thy God.

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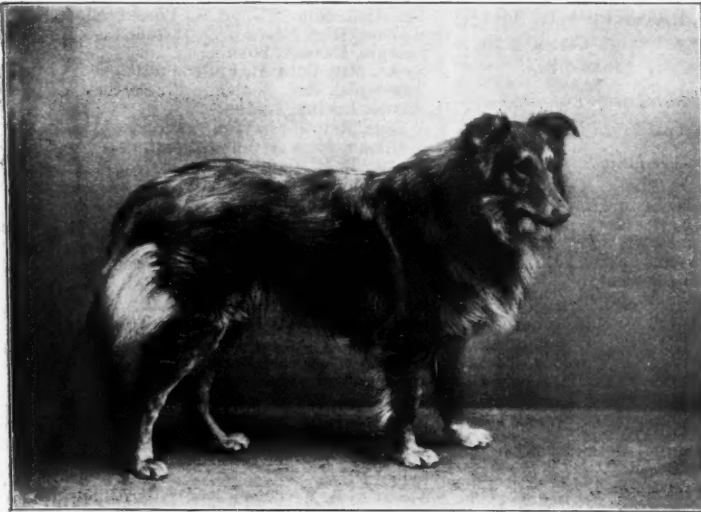
In addition to the immense circulation of *Our Dumb Animals* elsewhere, we have ordered it sent regularly to every normal school in the United States. GEO. T. ANGELL.

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"Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy."

GEO. T. ANGELL, President.



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ONE OF THE SANDWICH ISLAND BANDS OF MERCY FORMED BY MRS. MARIA FREEMAN GRAY.

FOR OUR DUMB ANIMALS.

In the most picturesque part of the old town of Scituate, on a rocky point reaching out into the bay, is situated one of the most attractive houses on the South shore. This house, large and commodious, is the summer residence of a select company of Boston people, known as the Glades Club. Here they enjoy their wealth and leisure, remote from the world and its duties. Our quiet, hedge-lined country roads are daily enlivened by their fine carriages, beautiful horses and good riders. My object in calling attention to them is to speak of a custom, or rather a fashion, which they have brought into our staid old town—a fashion which must be stigmatized as one of the most cruel inflicted on animals, namely, *docking horses' tails*.

Many of the horses owned by the Club have scarcely six inches of tail left. Now, one of the chief troubles of horse-flesh near our shores is a big fly, called by the natives "green-head," which renders life a burden to all horses, even though well protected against their stings. Must not the poor creatures with docked tails, standing in their stalls or driven over the roads during the hot days of August, become nearly insane from the attacks of swarms of these terrible flies, against which they have no defence, save frantically waving their four inches of tail?

When the Glades Club introduced this harmful fashion into our midst, it is safe to say that there was not a horse in town but could boast it had never been a martyr to fashion in this direction.

E. G. B.

ALMOST HUMAN.

We are indebted to the editor of the *Montreal Herald* for the following:

The following charming little story comes from a gentleman in Warner, Ill.:—

"Close to my window, as I write this, I see a wren's nest. Three years ago I drove some nails in a sheltered corner; a pair of wrens built their nest there. The old birds often come into my office and sing. One of them has repeatedly alighted on my desk as I have been writing, saying plainly by his actions, 'You won't hurt me.' 'We are friends.' A few years since, in a knot-hole in a dead tree, near a path from my office to my house, lived a family of wrens, with whom I had formed a very intimate acquaintance. One day while I was passing in a hurry I heard the two old birds uttering cries of fear and anger, and as I got past the tree one of the wrens followed me, and by its peculiar motions and cries induced me to turn back. I examined the nest and found the young birds all right, looked into the tree's branches, but saw no enemies there and started away. Both birds then followed me with renewed cries and when I was a few yards away they flew in front of me, fluttered a moment, and then darted

back to the tree. Then one of them came back to me fluttering and crying, then darted from me near to the ground under the tree. I looked, and there lay a rattlesnake coiled ready to strike. I secured a stick and killed him, the wrens looking on from the tree; and the moment I did so they changed their song to a lively, happy one, seeming to say, 'Thank you!' in every note."

(From Field, Forest, Shore.)

People have always noticed that dogs, cats, cattle and horses took an especial liking to William Pease, who lives on a high hill just over the Harrison line, and now everybody is talking about the strange daily spectacle on the Pease farm. Since the setting in of extreme cold weather and the fall of a foot or more of snow, deer, foxes, squirrels, rabbits and partridges have been visiting the farm-house daily for rations. The first to appear was a yearling doe. She walked into Mr. Pease's door-yard one day and stood looking at the farmhouse. Mr. Pease took his gun from its accustomed corner and was about to shoot the doe when the expression on her face caused him to pause.

"I was just a goin' to let her have it," he said, "when something seemed to say 'Don't,' and I lowered the gun and stood a-looking at her. She didn't seem a bit afraid; and I walked toward her. At first she seemed inclined to edge away and not let me touch her but I began to talk to her and she walked right up to me and licked my hand. I went into the house and she followed me right in, and I fed her on some cabbage and cut up some apples for her."

"When she seemed to have satisfied her appetite she acted a little uneasy, and I took her out in front of the house. She lingered around for a few minutes and then went away into the woods. Two days later she came again and brought a buck with her, but the buck wouldn't come very near and would make off every time I started toward him. I fed the doe again, and ever since then, which was two days after Christmas, she has come to see me regular."

On being asked if wild animals or birds had ever before allowed him to approach or touch them, Mr. Pease said:

"Oh, yes; red squirrels often come right into the house, and partridge—the wildest birds I ever saw—have lit right in the door-yard and taken a square meal of corn which I always throw out to them. Last winter an old fox used to come around to see me, but he would never let me lay hands on him. He was a beauty too, but I guess some of the hunters in Paris or Norway either trapped or shot him, as he has not appeared for months." Rabbits are very fond of Mr. Pease, and winters, when cutting cord-wood, he has often had the pleasure of their company in the clearing where he worked. Two gray squirrels have made Mr. Pease's house their home all winter, and they roam from kitchen to attic at will.

"BANDS OF MERCY" IN HAWAII.

We find in the *San Francisco Chronicle* of March 27th a most interesting account of the formation of our American "Bands of Mercy" in the Sandwich Island schools by our good friend Mrs. Maria Freeman Gray of San Francisco—describing the good they are already doing, and with what fervor the children are singing our "Band of Mercy" hymns and songs.

We regret that our crowded columns do not permit the full publication of this article. It is said that the British drum-beat is heard around the world. We hope the time may come when we shall be able to make the prouder boast that the voices of millions of children singing our "Band of Mercy" melodies will be heard around the world.

THE PLANTING OF THE APPLE-TREE.

BY WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT.

Come, let us plant the apple-tree,
Cleave the tough greensward with the spade.
Wide let its hollow bed be made;
Then gently lay the roots, and there
Sift the dark mould with kindly care,
And press it o'er them tenderly,
As round the sleeping infant's feet,
We softly fold the cradle-sheet;
So plant we the apple-tree.

What plant we in this apple-tree?
Buds, which the breath of summer days
Shall lengthen into leafy sprays;
Boughs where the thrush with crimson breast
Shall haunt and sing and hide her nest;
We plant upon the sunny lea
A shadow for the noontide hour,
A shelter from the summer shower,
When we plant the apple-tree.

What plant we in this apple-tree?
Sweets for a hundred flowery springs
To load the May-wind's restless wings,
When from the orchard-row he pours
Its fragrance through our open doors;
A world of blossoms for the bee,
Flowers for the sick girl's silent room,
For the glad infant sprigs of bloom,
We plant with the apple-tree.

What plant we in this apple-tree?
Fruits that shall swell in sunny June,
And redden in the August noon,
And drop when gentle airs come by,
That fan the blue September sky,
While children come with cries of glee,
And seek them where the fragrant grass
Betrays their bed to those who pass,
At the foot of the apple-tree.

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SOCIETY P. C. TO ANIMALS,
MARCH 1ST, 1898.

Total number of complaints investigated, from March 1, 1897, to March 1, 1898, 9,449. Horses taken from work, 1,427. Animals mercifully killed, 1,878.

Total number of cases investigated by Society agents from April, 1868, to March 1, 1898, 120,342.

SPECIMEN CASES DURING THE YEAR.

1. For beating his horse with the butt of his whip, a teamster was fined \$20. A cabman who struck his horse over the head was fined \$15. A farmer who beat his horse with a fence rail; another who used a fork handle, and two others who beat a plough-horse with a shovel, were each fined \$15. Two who lashed their horses severely were fined, one \$20, the other \$25. Drivers of various kinds of vehicles who beat their horses more or less severely were fined in sums varying from \$5 to \$15.

2. An expressman who gave his horse a single vicious kick in the bowels was fined \$10. A party who kicked a dog was fined \$25. Another who struck a dog, knocking out his eye, was fined \$20. One who struck a dog with an iron hook, cutting him severely, was fined \$25.

3. One who overdrove and beat a horse was fined \$30; two others who overdrove their horses were fined \$25 each; one was fined \$30. Another was sent to jail for thirty days. One who overdrove his horse, in consequence of which he died, was fined \$50.

4. For overloading their horses two teamsters paid fines of \$15 each. Several pedlars were also fined for the same offence.

5. A farmer who starved his horse was fined \$40. Another, who failed to properly feed his pigs, was fined \$15. For non-feeding his farm stock another paid fine of \$50, and for non-feeding pigs, cows and horses, divers persons paid fines in sums varying from \$10 to \$20.

6. For non-sheltering his horse a party was fined \$25. Two farmers who kept their pigs in a wet, muddy pen, with no chance for a dry bed, were fined \$10 each.

7. For driving animals unfit for labor, in consequence of lameness, sore backs, galled shoulders, old age and general debility, divers hucksters, carriage drivers and teamsters paid fines varying from \$10 to \$30.

8. For abandoning a lame and worn out horse a jockey was fined \$25. Another paid fine of \$15.

9. For cruelly transporting two calves a butcher was fined \$30. A farmer who committed a like offence was fined \$25. One who transported a calf with his legs tied was fined \$10.

10. For torturing a horse by burning him with an

iron an offender was fined \$50. A farmer who cut two inches off the ear of a cow was fined \$20. For prodding a balky horse with his knife a teamster was fined \$20.

11. For putting kerosene on a number of rats and setting fire to it, an Italian was fined \$10. For putting turpentine on a dog an offender was fined \$15.

12. For setting a dog to bite a cat an offender was fined \$20. A gentleman (?) who wantonly shot a cat, then kicked the remaining life out of her, was fined \$15. Another, who shot an eye out of a cat, was fined \$10.

13. For bagging a cow a drover at Brighton was fined \$10.

14. For bleeding a pig before killing it a Portuguese (who claimed it was a custom in his own country) was fined \$10.

15. For throwing a dog from the second story window of a tenement house, breaking two of his legs, an ignorant (foreign) woman was fined \$10. Her neighbor, who previously kicked the dog down stairs, was fined \$5. A third, who stamped the life out of a chicken owned by a neighbor, was fined \$10.

16. A woman who exposed poison, with the intent that it should be eaten by dogs, was fined \$50.

17. For being present at a cock-fight five parties were fined \$5 each.

18. For dog-fighting two parties were fined, one \$30, the other \$50.

19. For docking a horse an offender was fined \$100.

PAREPA ROSA.

Many years ago a poor widowed woman, leading a hard life of unending labor, was called on to part with the one thing dear to her—her only child. Mother and daughter had tolled together for fifteen years, and the only bit of sunshine falling into their dark lives was that shed by their loving companionship. But the girl had always been weakly. Under the heart-broken mother's eyes she faded and wasted away with consumption, and at last the day came when the wan face failed to answer with a smile the anxious, tear-blinded eyes of the mother. The poor young creature was dead.

For many months the pair had been supported by the elderly woman's sewing, and it was in the character of employer I had become acquainted with Mrs. C. and her story. By an occasional visit to the awful heights of an East Side tenement, where they lived, by a few books and some comforting words I had won the love of the dying girl. Her grateful thoughts turned in her last hours to the small number of friends she possessed, and she besought her mother to notify me of the day of the funeral and ask me to attend.

That summons reached me upon one of the wildest days preceding Christmas. A sleet that was not rain, and a rain that was not snow, came pelting from all points of the compass. I piled the glowing grates; I drew closer the curtains and shut out the gloom of the December afternoon; I turned on the gas and sat down, devoutly thankful that I had cut all connection with the wicked weather, when an instalment of it burst in upon me in the shape of Parepa Rosa. She was Euphrosyne Parepa of that time, and the operative idol of the city.

And even as we congratulated ourselves on the prospect of a delightful day together, here came the summons for me to go to the humble funeral of the poor sewing-woman's daughter. I turned the little tear-blotted note over and groaned.

"This is terrible," said I. "It's just the one errand that could take me out to-day, but I must go."

And then I told Parepa the circumstances, and speculated on the length of time I should be gone, and suggested means of amusement in my absence.

"But I shall go with you," said the great-hearted creature.

So she re-wound her throat with the long white comforter, pulled on her worsted gloves, and off in the storm we went together. We climbed flight after flight of narrow, dark stairs to the top floor, where the widow dwelt in a miserable little room not more than a dozen feet square. The canvas-back hearth, peculiar to the twenty-five dollar funeral, stood in the street below, and the awful cherry-stained box, with its ruffle of glazed white muslin, stood on uncovered trestles in the centre of the room above.

There was the mother, speechless in her grief, beside that box, a group of hard-working, kindly-hearted neighbors sitting about. It was useless to say the poor woman was prepared for the inevita-

ble end; it was cold comfort to speak to her of the daughter's release from pain and suffering. The bereft creature, in her utter loneliness, was thinking of herself and the awful future, of the approaching moment when that box and its precious burden would be taken away and leave her wholly alone. So, therefore, with a sympathizing grasp of the poor, worn, bony hand, we sat silently down to "attend the funeral."

Then the minister came in—a dry man, with nothing of the tenderness of his holy calling. Icier than the day, colder than the storm, he rattled through some selected sentences from the Bible, and offered a set form of condolence to the broken-hearted mother. Then he hurriedly departed, while a hush fell on everybody gathered in the little room. Not one word had been uttered of consolation, of solemn import, or befitting the occasion. It was the emptiest, hollowest, most unsatisfactory moment I ever remember. Then Parepa arose, her cloak falling about her noble figure like mourning drapery. She stood beside that miserable cherry-stained box. She looked a moment on the wasted, ashy face, upturned toward her from within it. She laid her soft, white hand on the forehead of the dead girl, and lifted up her matchless voice in the beautiful melody—

"Angels ever bright and fair,
Take, oh take her to thy care."

The noble voice swelled toward heaven, and if ever the choirs of paradise paused to listen to earth's music, it was when Parepa sang so gloriously beside that poor dead girl. No words can describe its effects on those gathered there. The sad mourner sank on her knees, and with clasped hands and streaming eyes the little band stood reverently about her.

No queen ever went to her grave accompanied by a grander ceremony. To this day Parepa's glorious tribute of song rings with solemn melody in my memory as the most impressive service I ever heard.

The French Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has come in for a windfall by the death of Mme. Chassegras, who died about a month ago. The deceased, who was a passionate lover of animals, particularly horses, has left the whole of her fortune, amounting to £120,000, to the society.

EIGHT HOURS A DAY.

A working man with a dinner pail in his hand came out of a little shop, and was met by a fellow working man, who said:

"Why, Jim, you're working over time now, aren't you?"

"No," was the reply. "I'm not."

"Aren't you putting in more than eight hours a day?"

"Yes."

"I thought eight hours was the union schedule?" remarked the outsider.

"Yes, but you see I have just bought the shop."

Weary Searcher—"I hope, madam, you do not object to children." Boarding-house Keeper—"Oh, not in the least! I have nine myself." Weary Searcher—"Um—er—if I decide to take the rooms I will send you a postal card."—*Tit Bits.*

A MAN OF RESOURCES.

"I don't know that I need any work done about the house. What can you do, my good fellow?"

"Sir, in my day I've been a carpenter, a barber and a school teacher. I can shingle your house, your hair or your boy."

Millions are poured into our colleges and universities to educate the brains of America, while almost nothing is done to educate the heart.

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WORTH REMEMBERING.

- (1) Avoid so far as possible drinking any water which has been contaminated by lead pipes or lead lined tanks.
- (2) Avoid drinking water which has been run through galvanized iron pipes.
- (3) Avoid using anything acid which has been kept in a tin can.
- (4) When gripe or other epidemics are prevailing wear a little crude sulphur in your boots or shoes.

Cases Investigated by our Boston Offices in March.

Whole number dealt with, 1,374; animals taken from work, 61; horses and other animals mercifully killed, 94.

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